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Amendments to the Drawings

None

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Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Written Office Action. In particular, Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting and correcting the numbering error and for noting the substantial duplication in Claim 8.

With regards to the substantive portion of the Written Office Action, Claims 16 – 20 were renumbered to 15 – 19 and dependencies were adjusted accordingly. Also, Claim 8 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 6. Still further, Claims 1, 2, 5 – 12, and 15 – 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Stanfield US 2002/00690093A1. Still yet further, Claims 3, 4, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Stanfield.

Claims 1 – 19 are amended for clarity, to remove typographical errors, and in response to the Written Office Action. Claim 20 is new.

It is believed that none of the prior art teaches the claimed invention. Furthermore, it is believed that the foregoing amendment has adequate support in the specification, and accordingly there should be no new matter. Applicant believes the pending claims have addressed each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action. In light of the foregoing amendment, the claims should be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the proposed changes, Applicant again invites the Examiner to do so by telephone conference.

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